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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAMOIR, DOMINIQUE

Examiner

Leslie Pascal

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Under "Brief Description of the Drawings", there must be a description of each (new) drawing. No new matter may be entered.

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In regard to claim 24 (as in previous claim 9), it appears that there is no separate means that provides the compensation. If the only item claimed is the fiber, which is the compensation means of claim 25, there is only a single means claimed. Further, it is unclear how, if the fiber is causing the Raman effect, as claimed in claim 1, and it is compensating for the Raman effect at the same time, what the invention is. It is further unclear how it is done in a distributed way.

4. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the attenuator of claim 23 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate

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prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

5. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(b) because they are incomplete. 37 CFR 1.83(b) reads as follows:

When the invention consists of an improvement on an old machine the drawing must when possible exhibit, in one or more views, the improved portion itself, disconnected from the old structure, and also in another view, so much only of the old structure as will suffice to show the connection of the invention therewith.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and

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6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-6, 11-18 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saleh (6587241)

Saleh teaches a broad band WDM system (claim 20) which has a fiber that is subject to attenuation (column 4, lines 25-29) and means to compensate for the attenuation (amplifiers) which compensate for energy transfers (partitioning in order to compensate for each band of wavelengths, column 5, lines 35-43). The bandwidth 1300-1650 is greater than 20 or 30 THz and extends beyond 1620 (the 1650 nm RANGE). In that he says the 1650 nm RANGE, it would have been obvious to use wavelengths above 1650 since the Saleh is concerned with using broad wavelengths together. In regard to claim 5, he teaches a distributed amplifier which is the element that the applicant uses to provide this function. In regard to claims 17-18, see column 7,

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lines 3-10. Although he does not specify what causes the attenuation, Raman effect is caused by using wavelengths in very broad wavelengths together. In compensating by partitioning wavelengths into bands in order to compensate them, it would have been obvious, if not inherent that he would compensate for Raman effect.

8. Claims 7-8, 10, 19-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saleh (6587241) as applied to claims 1-6 and 11-18 above, and further in view of Chraplyvy (EP 0749224).

In regard to claim 10, he teaches that the amplifier fiber can serve multiple purposes such as providing different levels of amplification of the wavelengths. In that Raman effects the transfer of power from lower to higher channels, it would have been obvious to decrease power levels for long wavelengths as taught by Chraplyvy in order to compensate for SRS degradation (claim 1 or Chraplyvy) and Saleh teaches using different power levels. In that it is well known for amplifiers to operate as attenuators and Chraplyvy teaches that his amplifier which is accompanied by a filter, which provides decreased power level for a long wavelength channel. The filter operates as an attenuator for the longer wavelength channels.

9. No art has been used against claims 24-25 based on the 112 rejection because the examiner cannot ascertain what the invention is. If the fiber is causing the problem and correcting the problem, is there really a problem.

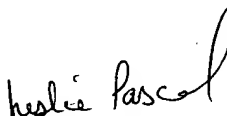
10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 and 10-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Pascal whose telephone number is 571-272-3032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Friday 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on 571-272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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